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TAGS: WB, US, OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: TRAVEL BY SECRETARY TO BERLIN

REF: STATE 109621

FOLLOWING ARE SUGGESTED TEXTS OF ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE STATEMENTS  
AND TOAST REQUESTED IN PARA 3(A) AND (B) REFTEL. MISSION  
WOULD APPRECIATE FINAL TEXTS AS MUCH IN ADVANCE OF VISIT  
AS POSSIBLE TO FACILITATE INTERPRETATION AND PRESS RE-  
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### A. ARRIVAL STATEMENT

QUOTE MR. GOVERNING MAYOR, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND WELCOME. IT IS A PLEASURE FOR  
ME TO RETURN ONCE AGAIN TO BERLIN, FOR THE FIRST TIME  
AS SECRETARY OF STATE.

THIS VISIT TO BERLIN, AND PRESIDENT FORD'S IMMINENT VISIT  
TO EUROPE COME, I BELIEVE, AT A MOST OPPORTUNE TIME.  
THE DEVELOPMENTS OF THE PAST FEW MONTHS IN SOUTHEAST  
ASIA HAVE LED MANY PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD TO QUESTION  
THE VALUE TO THEM OF AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP AND SUPPORT,  
AND EVEN OF AMERICA'S GIVEN WORD. EVEN IN EUROPE, THERE  
HAS BEEN TALK OF DIMINISHED CONFIDENCE IN THE READINESS  
OF THE UNITED STATES TO MAINTAIN ITS ROLE OF WORLD  
LEADERSHIP.

THERE COULD BE NOTHING FURTHER FROM THE MARK. BECAUSE  
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OF OUR MANIFOLD TIES AND SHARED INTERESTS, EUROPE HAS

BEEN AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE OF CRUCIAL IMPORTANCE TO THE UNITED STATES. THROUGH THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE, WHICH REMAINS AS FIRM AND AS VIABLE AS EVER, WE ARE COMMITTED TO A JOINT ENDEAVOR TO PRESERVE AND FOSTER OUR FREE AND DEMOCRATIC SOCIETIES. WITHIN THIS FRAMEWORK, BERLIN ASSUMES SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE IN THE LIGHT OF THE EVENTS OF THE PAST THIRTY YEARS AND OF THE CONTINUED RESPONSIBILITY OF THE THREE POWERS TO MAINTAIN ITS SECURITY AND WELL-BEING. LET ME ASSURE YOU THAT THE COMMITMENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO BERLIN REMAINS TODAY AS STEADFAST AND UNSHAKEABLE AS IT WAS DURING THE DAYS OF THE BLOCKADE MORE THAN TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO. THIS COMMITMENT IS NOT ONLY TO THE DEFENSE OF BERLIN AS A FREE, DEMOCRATIC CITY FIRMLY TIED TO THE WEST. IT IS ALSO A COMMITMENT TO BERLIN'S DEVELOPMENT, AS FACILITATED BY THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT.

I LOOK FORWARD TO VISITING YOUR CITY. END QUOTE

B. DEPARTURE STATEMENT

QUOTE I THANK THE GOVERNING MAYOR AND THE PEOPLE OF BERLIN FOR THEIR WARM HOSPITALITY. THIS HAS BEEN A MOST REWARDING DAY. I HAVE SEEN A CITY WITH A SENSE OF PURPOSE AND A FIRM IDEA OF HOW IT WILL MEET THE FUTURE. I HAVE SEEN A TRADITIONAL CENTER OF INDUSTRY AND CULTURE, OF EDUCATION AND RESEARCH AND, ABOVE ALL, OF DEDICATED HUMAN SPIRIT. I LEAVE BERLIN WITH NO DOUBT THAT THIS CITY WILL CONTINUE TO THRIVE AS A PLACE WHERE FREEDOM IS FIRMLY ROOTED AND WHERE THE RIGHTS OF INDIVIDUALS ARE RESPECTED AND FOSTERED. WE BELIEVE THAT THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT HAS HELPED TO ENSURE FOR THIS CITY A BRIGHT FUTURE. WE EXPECT THAT OTHER MAJOR AGREEMENTS AFFECTING EUROPE WILL GRADUALLY TAKE SHAPE, AND THAT THESE TOO WILL BENEFIT BERLIN. I CAN ASSURE YOU, AS I LEAVE BERLIN, THAT WHILE THE UNITED STATES IS EXAMINING MORE CAREFULLY HOW WE SHOULD MEET OUR CHALLENGES ABROAD, THERE IS NO DOUBT WHERE THIS CITY IS CONCERNED. THIRTY YEARS OF SHOULDERING PROBLEMS TOGETHER HAS ETCHED INTO THE MINDS OF AMERICANS A SENSE OF COMMON DESTINY AND COMMON PURPOSE WITH THE PEOPLE OF BERLIN. WE SHALL BE WITH YOU IN THE FUTURE AS WE HAVE

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BEEN IN THE PAST. END QUOTE.

TOAST

QUOTE MR. GOVERNING MAYOR, DISTINGUISHED GUESTS: FIRST, THANK YOU FOR YOUR GRACIOUS HOSPITALITY. I HEAR RUMORS FROM TIME TO TIME THAT MY TRAVEL /5! FHA!KG"

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